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1. WE CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL A TO AWAIT
RECEIPT OF RESPONSE FROM FRG LOW LEVEL OFFICIALS REGARDING
RESOLUTION OF NPW VISIT BOND ISSUE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH
APPROACH TO HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS.

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2. CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN WHICH PUBLIC LAW 93-513 IS CITED, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO AGREE TO DELIVERY OF A NOTE SIMILAR TO THOSE AUTHORIZED FOR DELIVERY TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN, ITALY AND CANADA BY TAB A TO REF B. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE LIABILITY ISSUE AS IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS A US-FRG BILATERAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING US NPW PORT ENTRY. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS COVERING FIXED FACILITIES, CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND STATUS OF FORCES MATTERS, SUBJECTING CASUAL PORT VISITS BY WAR-SHIPS, EITHER CONVENTIONAL OR NUCLEAR POWERED, TO SEPARATE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO MARITIME TRADITION AND COULD RESULT IN DEMANDS BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

FOR NPW AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEALT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT CONCERNS OVER NPW PORT ENTRY THROUGH USE OF UNILATERAL U.S. ASSURANCES AND TO DEPART FROM THIS PRACTICE WOULD LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PATCHWORK OF DIFFERING AGREEMENTS AND CONTROLS OVER NPW VISITS THAT WOULD ARTIFICIALLY AND UNACCEPTABLY FRAGMENT US NAVAL FORCES INTO NUCLEAR POWERED AND CONVENTIONAL COMPONENTS AND RESTRICT FLEET OPERATIONS. KISSINGER

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